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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Wang et al.

Serial No.: 08/333,680

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Examiner: D. Hogue

For: NOVEL ADENOVIRAL VECTORS, Attorney Docket No.: 7639-061
PACKAGING CELL LINES,
RECOMBINANT ADENOVIRUSES,
AND METHODS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Outstanding Office Action dated November 25, 1996 and pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rule of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Petition To Extend Time for one (1) month up to and including March 25, 1997, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-36.

Please amend Claims 37, 38 and 39 as follows:

37. (amended) A replication-defective recombinant adenovirus, wherein the adenovirus genome contains at least two lethal deletions, two lethal mutations, or one lethal deletion and one lethal mutation in the E1 and E4 early gene regions, wherein said recombinant adenovirus genome